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Applicants: David M. ANDERSON *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the May 7th Office Action, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-20 and 31), *32* drawn to a composition comprising an enzyme that cleaves a linkage that effects release of cell-surface protein or carbohydrate, for examination. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Although Applicants believe the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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